

1 December 1975

CASE NUMBER: 75-21181-11

VICTIM: BEVERLY JOANNE FREDRICKS

INCIDENTS: RAPE AND ASSAULT

INVOLVED: WILLIAM EARL COSDEN, JR.

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THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF  
Olympia, Wash.OFFICER'S REPORT  
Paul H. Barclift

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VICTIM: BEVERLY JOANNE FREDRICKS  
DOB: 5-10-51  
Rt. 4 Box 394, Olympia  
PH: 352-4634 491-6063 4407 CLEARWATER DR,  
OLY.

LOCATION: RURAL AREA LOCATED NORTH OF MAYTOWN.

INCIDENT: 1. ASSAULT  
2. RAPE

DATE:TIME: EARLY MORNING HOURS, 30 NOVEMBER 1975

INVOLVED: WILLIAM EARL COSDEN, JR.  
WMA, DOB: 12-19-46  
6-4, 215 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes.  
2710-114th Avenue SW, Olympia

DATE OF REPORT: 1 DECEMBER 1975

## SYNOPSIS

Victim alleges that she was assaulted and raped during the early morning hours of November 30, 1975. After receiving proper medical attention, she provided the Sheriff's Department with a statement. Based upon the description of the suspect provided by the victim and facts he had related to her, a photo lineup was shown. Victim immediately picked the photo of William Earl Cosden, Jr., which was one of five photos shown. Description of the vehicle used during the crime matched the vehicle owned and operated by Cosden. A search warrant was obtained to seize and search Cosden's vehicle. Cosden was taken into custody at his residence at the time of execution of the search warrant and was subsequently booked into the Thurston County Jail on charges of rape and assault.

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## INVESTIGATION

At approximately 0628 hours, November 30th, 1975, Beverly J. Fredricks, Rt. 4 Box 394, Olympia, phone 352-4634, notified the Thurston County Sheriff's Department that she had been assaulted and raped. Deputy McClanahan was dispatched to investigate the incident. Upon his arrival, he was met by the victim, Beverly J. Fredricks. She related to him the details of the incident. Deputy McClanahan, then summoned a medical aid unit, which responded to the Fredricks residence and gave her limited medical attention. Deputy McClanahan took into evidence clothing worn by Fredricks at the time of the assault and rape. He then transported her to St. Peter's Hospital for further medical attention. See Officer's Report of Deputy McClanahan for details.

At approximately 0945 hours, 30 November 1975, Beverly J. Fredricks gave a statement to Lt. H. V. Baesen of the Thurston County Sheriff's Department. In her statement, she described what had occurred before, during and after the incident. See statement of Beverly J. Fredricks for details.

Based upon the description of the suspect obtained from Fredricks and facts she stated he had related to her of himself and family, a photo lineup was shown to her. The photo lineup included five photos of white males. Fredricks then immediately selected without any hesitation whatsoever, the photo identified as number four. This was a driver license photo of William Earl Cosden, Jr. Cosden was known by investigating officer to drive a vehicle similar to the one described by Fredricks. Deputy McClanahan was requested to drive by the Cosden residence and determine if his vehicle was there and to obtain a general description and license number. Deputy McClanahan checked and advised

that an old white Dodge, flatbed truck with some type of rack or frame behind the cab was there. He advised that he could not see a rear license plate.

Based upon the photo lineup identification, similarity of the suspect's description to that of Cosden, similarity of suspect's vehicle to that of Cosden and facts related by suspect to the victim that were known by this department to be true, a search warrant was requested and obtained to seize and search the Cosden vehicle. A search warrant was also requested to check the time records for Cosden at the Lathrop Road Restover Truck Stop.

During the early afternoon hours of 30 November 1975, Deputy McClanahan was taken by Fredricks to where the incident had occurred. Deputy McClanahan found a soft drink can, which had earlier been described by Fredricks as having been thrown from the suspect vehicle by the suspect. He also found a cigarette butt at the scene, where she stated that she had been raped as she had earlier described the suspect as having thrown from the vehicle.

The search warrant was executed by Deputy Strand at 1715 hours, 30 November 1975 at the Cosden residence. The vehicle described in the warrant was impounded with Howards' Towing. Due to condensation within the vehicle, it has not been searched for fingerprints or other evidence and must dry thoroughly first.

At the time of impounding of the Cosden vehicle, William Earl Cosden, Jr. was arrested, transported to the Thurston County Courthouse, where he was advised of his constitutional rights and right to counsel by investigating officer. Mr. Cosden stated that he understood his constitutional

rights and was willing to talk with investigating officer without the presence of an attorney. Deputy Robert West was present during the reading of the rights throughout the interview. Cosden denied being involved in any rape and stated he had not had sexual intercourse with anyone during the preceeding 48 hours. He stated that he had left the Texaco Service Station where he was employed at approximately 0200 hours, 30 November 1975. He advised that he had been working on his own, towing people out of the ditch due to the recent snow and that he had not used a time card. He admitted to having a rubber mallot in his truck. He then refused to answer further questions without the presence of an attorney. He was then booked into the Thurston County Jail and charged with assault and rape.

Mrs. Cosden was also brought to the courthouse and was briefly questioned by investigating officer. Lt. H. V. Baesen was present during the interview. Mrs. Cosden was reluctant to answer any questions for fear of incriminating her husband. She did, however, advise that her husband had returned home at approximately 0400 hours on the morning of November 30th, 1975. Mrs. Cosden advised that she did not wish to answer any further questions and was provided transportation to her home.

Employees of the Restover Truck Stop, who had worked during the period that the assault occurred, were contacted. Stephen R. Striazic, stated that he remembered a pickup truck, a late model with four wheel drive, coming into the station and being driven by a young lady. He states that Cosden was present at the pumps at the time that she came to the station and that his vehicle was also parked at the pumps. He states the lady bought two dollars worth of gas and paid for it in cash.

He states that he was the one that serviced the vehicle and took her money. He further advised that while he was servicing the vehicle, that Cosden was talking to the driver. He states that he overheard part of the conversation and from it, thought them to be strangers. When the lady left the station, Cosden said that he was going to the gambling room and left. He states that he did not see Cosden again during his shift. See statement of Stephen R. Striazic for details.

A Robert Irving, who runs the gambling room, was contacted and he advised that he had closed the gambling room at 0100 hours, at which time, Cosden was present but that he had not seen Cosden after the time of closing.

Another service station attendant, Mr. Felker, advised that he had also been working at the station at the time, but had mostly been in the truck service area. He states that he last saw Cosden at approximately 0030 to 0100 hours.

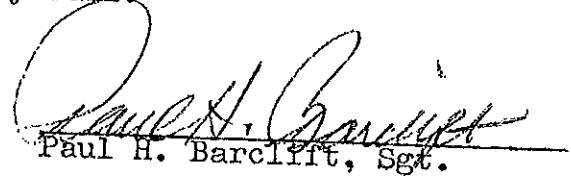
Medical records obtained from St. Peter's Hospital following Fredricks examination and treatment, confirmed that she had received injuries to the neck and head. Vaginal examination for sperm was positive. See Medical Reports of Beverly J. Fredricks for details.

During period victim was abducted from the Case Road, her vehicle had been left with the motor running. It was still running upon her return. William R. McCarty, Rt. 4 Box 396-A, Olympia, advised that he returned home between 0200 and 0230 hours. He states that he observed a pickup truck with the engine running parked at the intersection of the Case

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Road and Nunn Road, now known as 101st Avenue SW. He states that he observed the vehicle for 8-10 minutes as he approached it, passed it and continued on, watching it in his rearview mirror. He states that he had been driving slowly, due to the snow on the roadway. He states that he did not see anyone around the vehicle at the time he passed it. See statement of William R. McCarty for details.

This case is forwarded to the Thurston County Prosecutor for disposition on charges of rape and assault on William Earl Cosden, Jr. Cosden is now incarcerated in the Thurston County Jail.

  
Paul H. Barcliff, Sgt.

Thurston County Sheriff's Dept.

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